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Attorney General's Office Sponsors Community Shredding Events This Spring

Wilmington – As part of its ongoing efforts to prevent identity theft, the Attorney General's Office is sponsoring three free community shred events in May and June at locations statewide. Each event will feature on-site document shredding, and staff from the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division will be available to provide information and answer questions about identity theft and consumer fraud. Consumers may bring up to three file-sized boxes of documents; emptied boxes will be immediately returned.

"Don't give identity thieves this chance to steal your information – shred your personal documents before throwing them away," said Attorney General Beau Biden, noting that 2010 shred events sponsored by his office resulted in the secure destruction of approximately 15 tons of confidential material. "Our free events are a quick and effective way for consumers to protect themselves against this devastating crime. I hope all Delawareans will take advantage of this service, and contact our office to learn more about guarding against identity theft and fraud."

Identity theft can occur in a variety of ways, from email and texting scams to thieves' rummaging through trash for bank statements, bills, and other documents that contain consumers' information. Shredding these documents before discarding them is an effective method of fighting theft at its source.

Each shredding will take place from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the following dates and locations:

Date	County	Location
Saturday, May 7	Sussex	Pebbles parking lot at the Milford Plaza 650 N. DuPont Blvd, Milford
Saturday, May 21	Kent	Boscov's parking lot at the Dover Mall 1365 N. DuPont Highway, Dover
Saturday, June 4	New Castle	Frawley Stadium parking lot 801 Shipyard Drive, Wilmington

To learn more about protecting yourself from identity theft, call the Attorney General's Consumer Hotline at 1-800-220-5424 or visit www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/consumers.

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